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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director of Security (P&M)
FROM: [REDACTED]
Acting Chief, Policy and Plans Group
SUBJECT: Intelligence Community Staff Regulations

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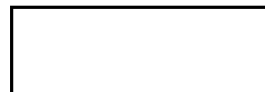
1. Prior to reviewing and rendering a judgment on the accompanying IC Staff regulations, it might be helpful to know the circumstances and pressures that led to their creation. The House Subcommittee on Appropriations through Mr. Chuck Snodgrass, decreed that the IC Staff must divorce itself from the CIA, be reconstituted (through Congressional action) as a separate agency of government and be prepared to assume an adversary/oversight function vis-a-vis the Intelligence Community. It was also determined that the "new" IC Staff would be completely overt, staffed by full time IC employees and have a budget completely out "in the open." Additionally, it was mandated that the number of CIA employees detailed to the IC Staff be sharply curtailed.

2. As a first step in meeting these stipulations, the AD/DCI/IC called for a rewriting of the CIA regulation deleting all references to the Agency but retaining the same standards throughout. In essence the final product was to reflect total independence from the CIA (on paper) and free the IC Staff to call upon any element of the Community for its support. However, since only one other element of the Community (CIA) would have comparable standards, the IC Staff could legitimately continue to call upon the Agency for the variety of support it has received to date.

3. Several other factors merit consideration. The "new" IC Staff is intended to be totally overt with a published budget. Therefore, their regulations have to be unclassified or carry the lowest classification possible.

In addition, the level of overttness desired precluded any mention or suggestion of clandestine operational activity in the regulations and "cover" could only be addressed as a prior or future consideration for IC Staff detailees/employees.

4. All of the elements noted above (including the basic supposition that the D/DCI/IC will receive the same special authorities currently vested in the DCI) were incorporated into the production of all IC Staff regulations. The Personnel, Logistics, Finance sections were all treated in the same manner as the Security portion. While some might view the "new" regulations as simple plagiarisms or an attempt to "water down" the authorities of various offices, they are, in fact, an attempt to insure that the support relationship with the Agency be maintained (admittedly by ploy) and at the same time meet the Congressional mandate of a CIA-free set of rules and regulations.



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